

BOND BY FIRE

Chapter 14: The truth



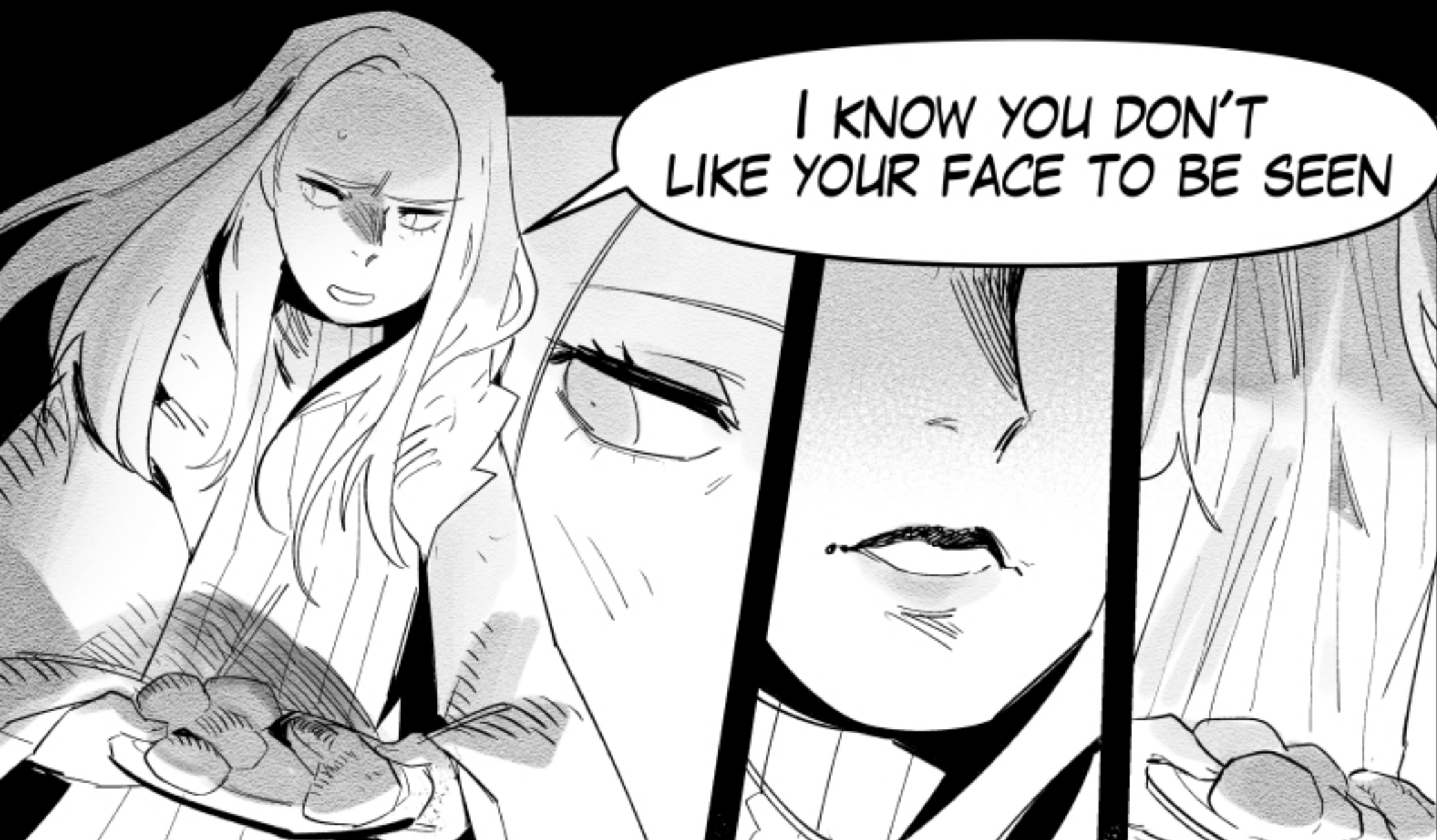
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I HAVE YOUR FOOD
PLATE FROM DINNER.

I WANTED TO SAVE IT
FOR YOU-





AND IF I
LEFT IT
THERE..



KLN-

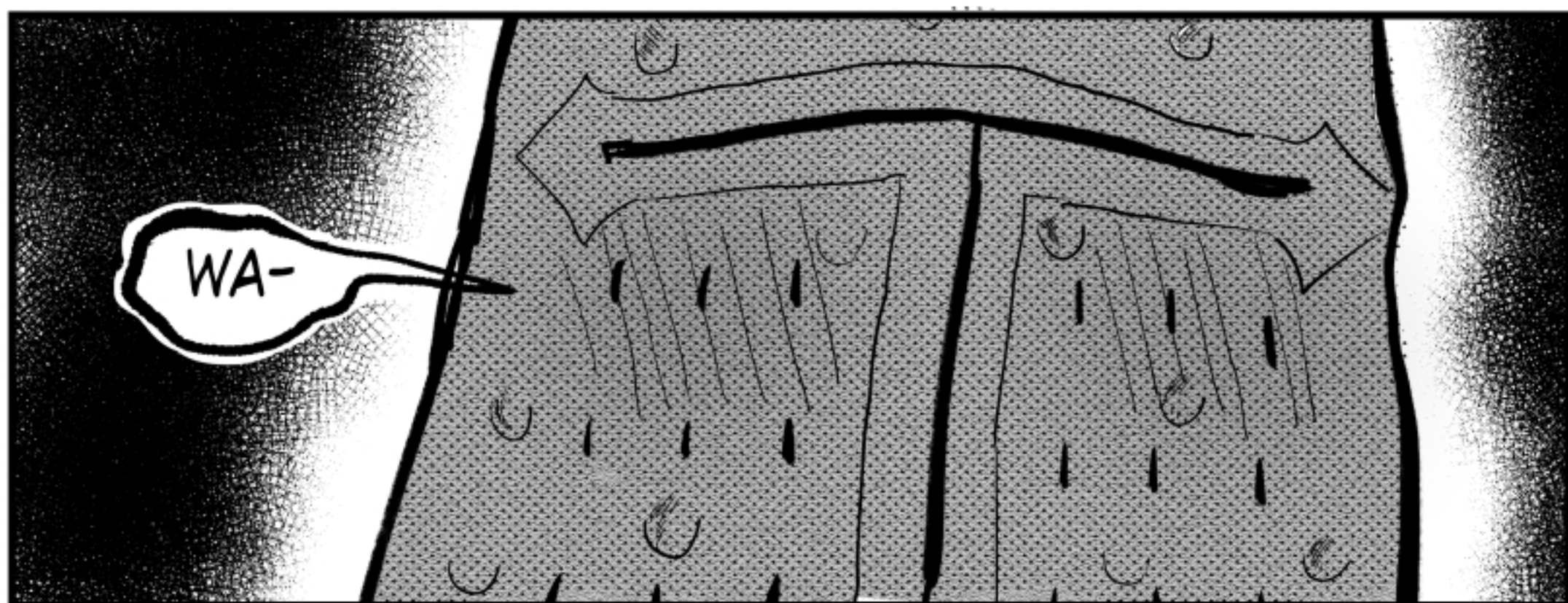


THE PRINCESS...

WAS SAVING IT
FOR ME??



ANYWAY.
I'M GOING
BACK TO
SLEEP NOW.



WAIT, PRINCESS!



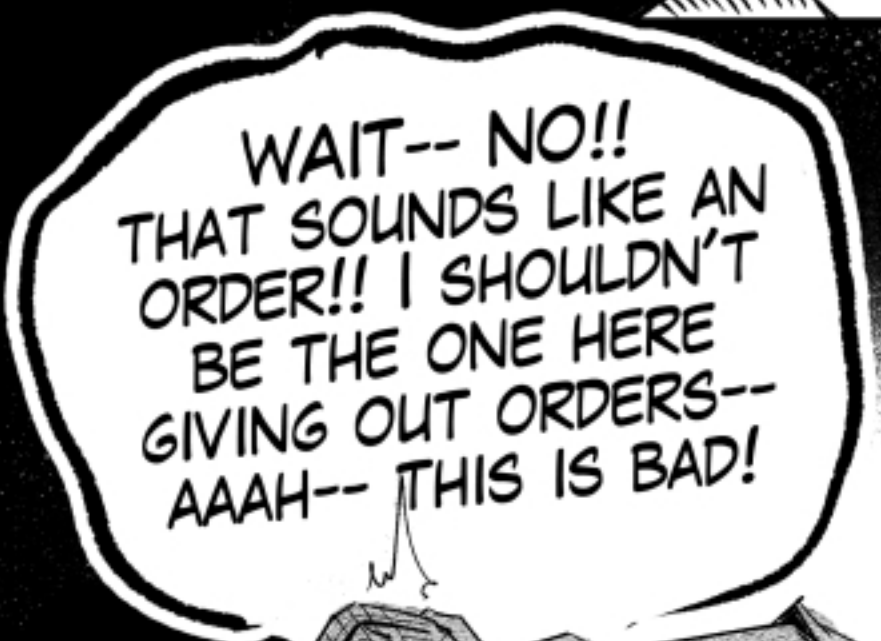
Y-YES?





THE ONLY WAY
TO KNOW IF
SHE HATES ME
IS...

STAY HERE!



WAIT-- NO!!
THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN
ORDER!! I SHOULDN'T
BE THE ONE HERE
GIVING OUT ORDERS--
AAAH-- THIS IS BAD!



P-PLEASE... WITH
ME... ...
SOME COMPANY...
F-FOR EATING.
UH... WOULD YOU
LIKE TO??





ARE YOU
INVITING
ME...

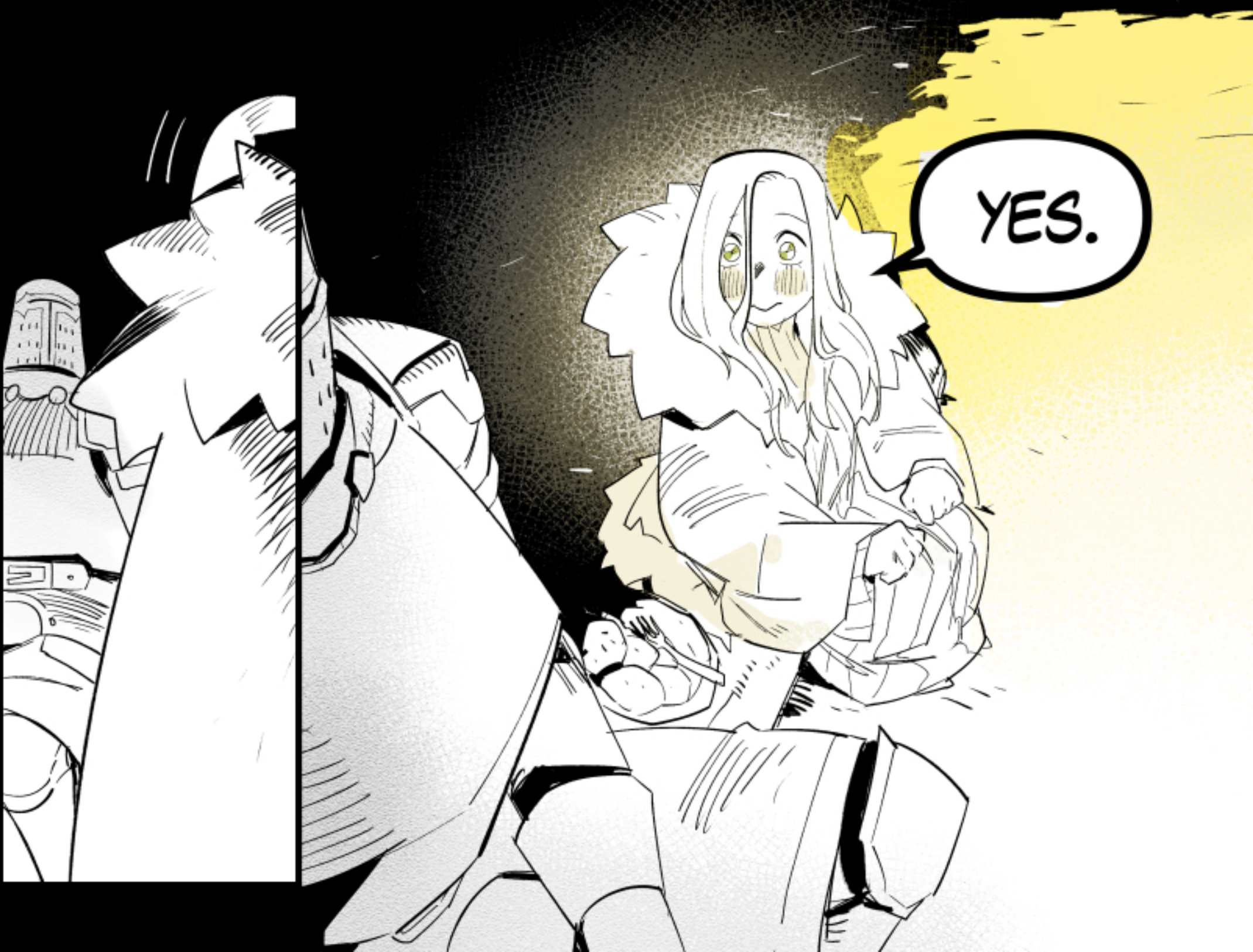
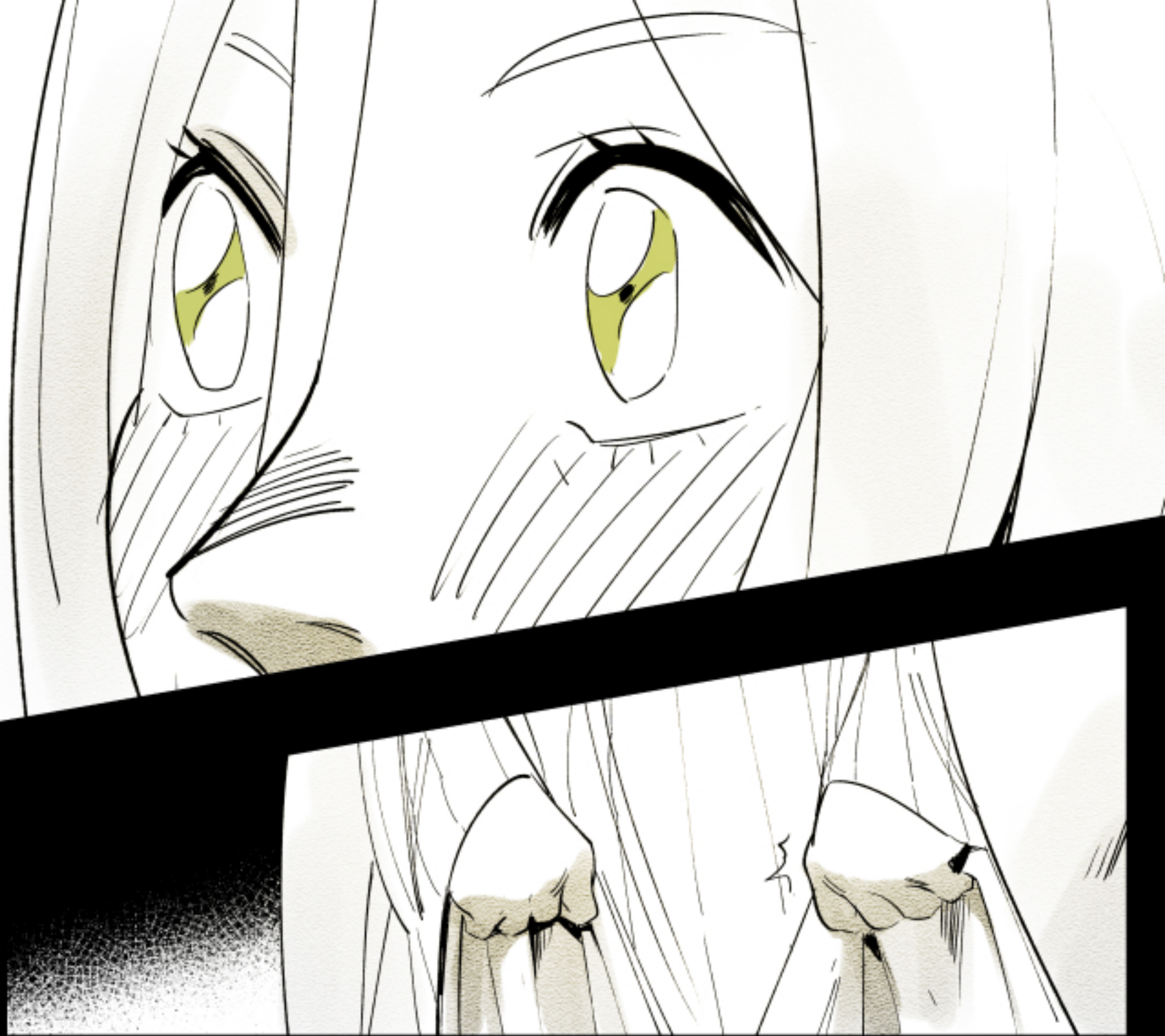
TO WATCH
YOU EAT?

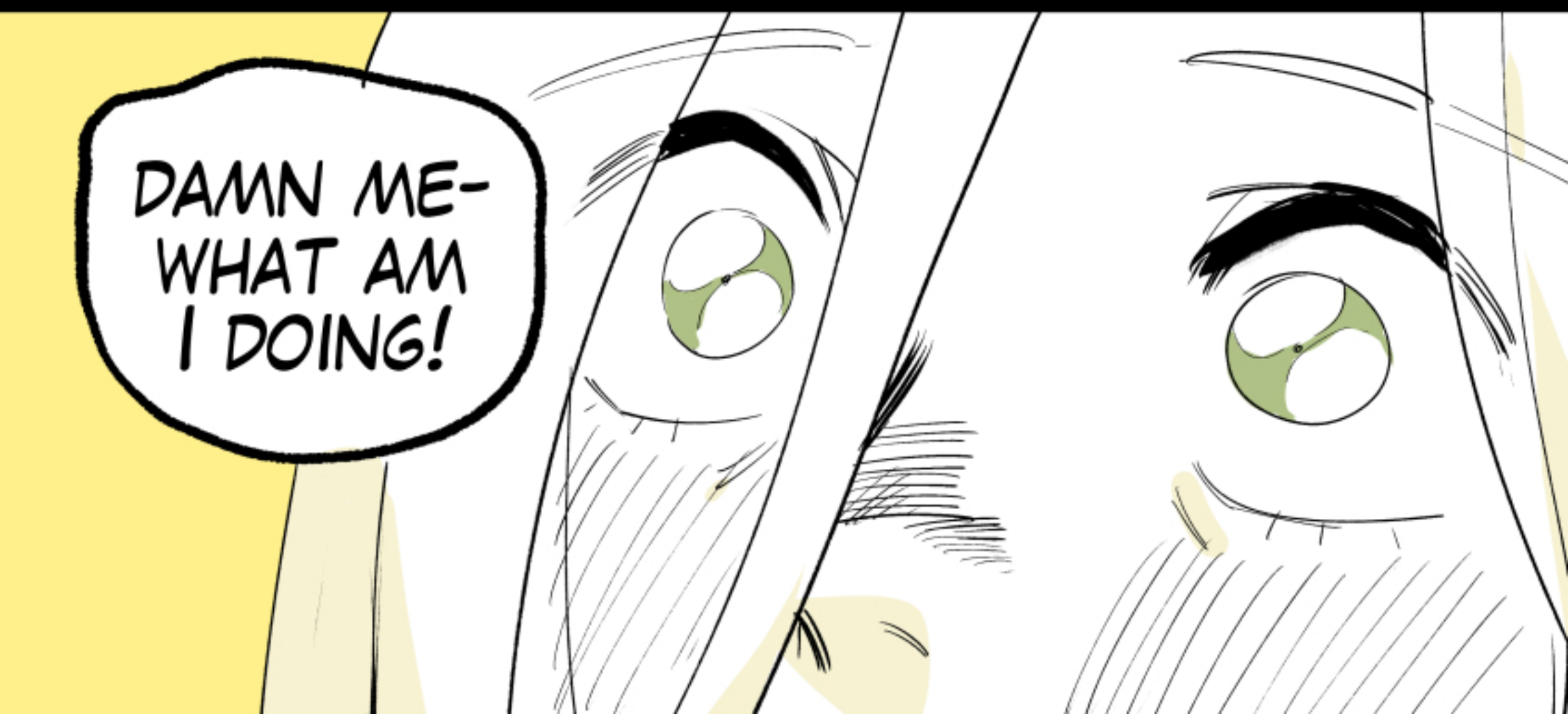
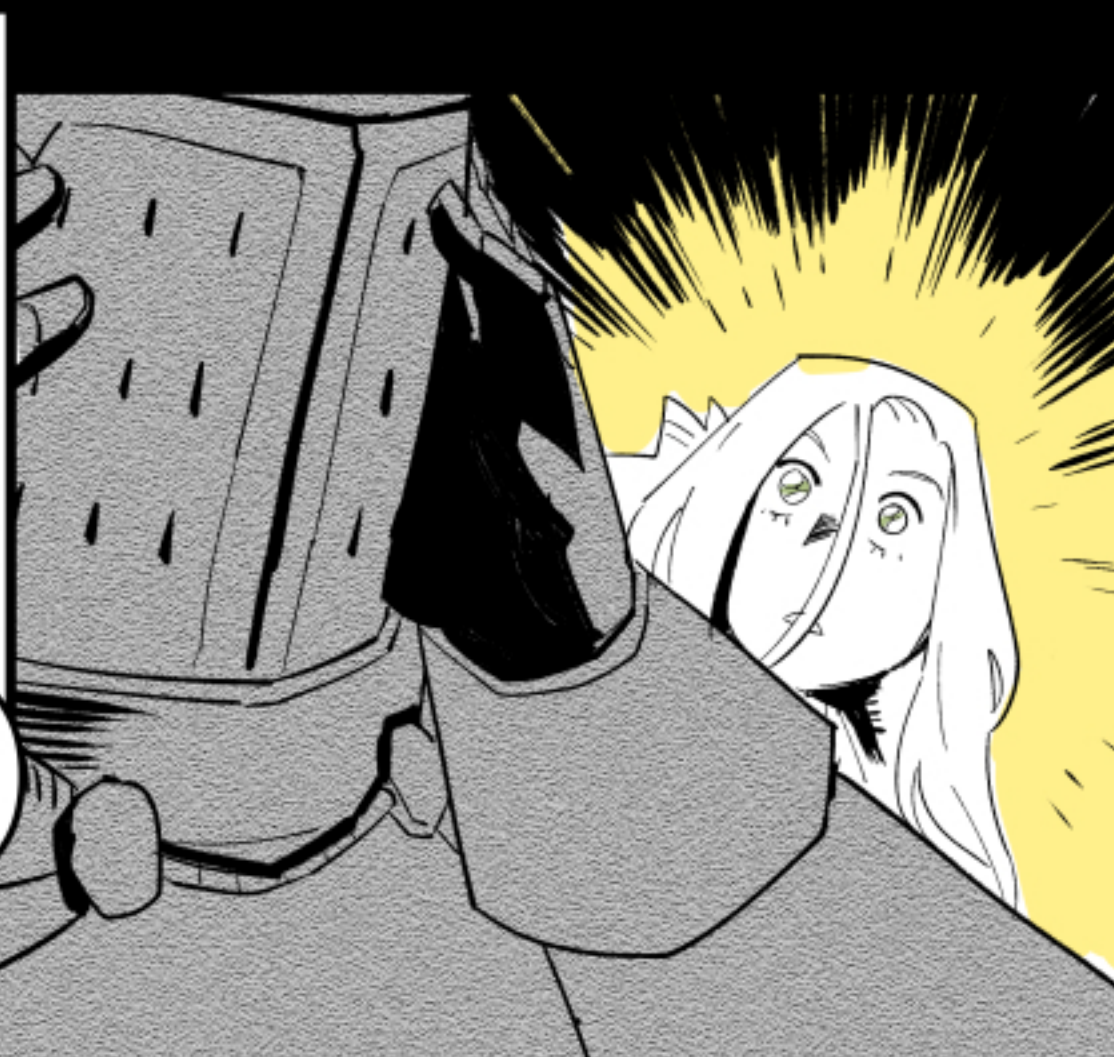
YES...

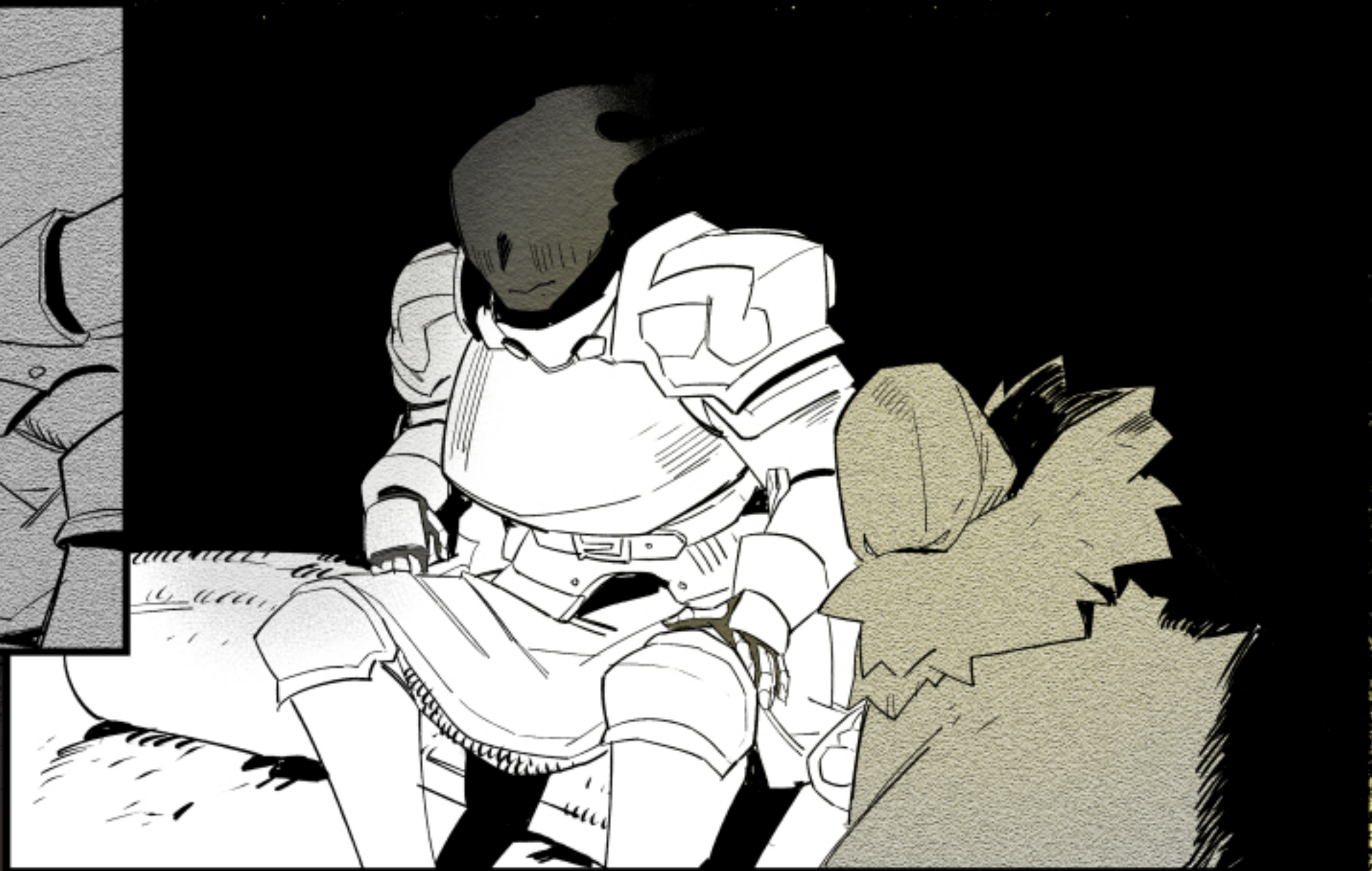
I MEAN... Y-YOU
WANTED TO... SEE
MY FACE, RIGHT?

CHRR
KRRR

KOFF
KOFF!



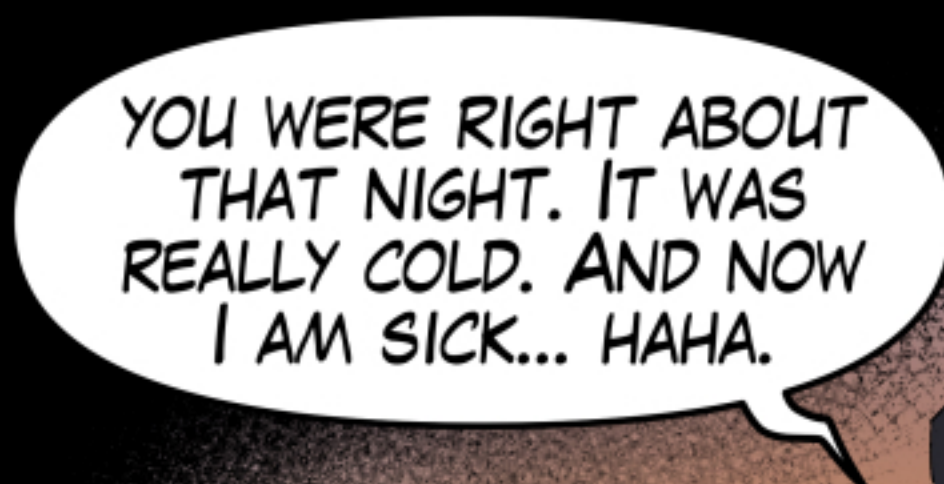
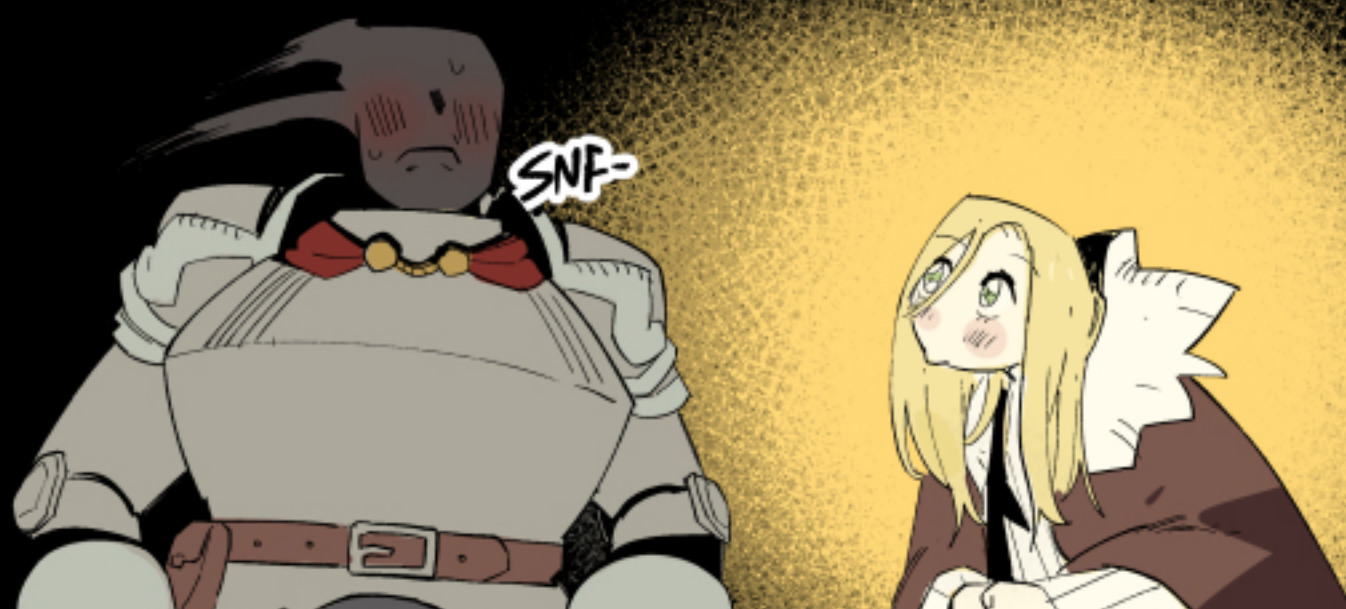


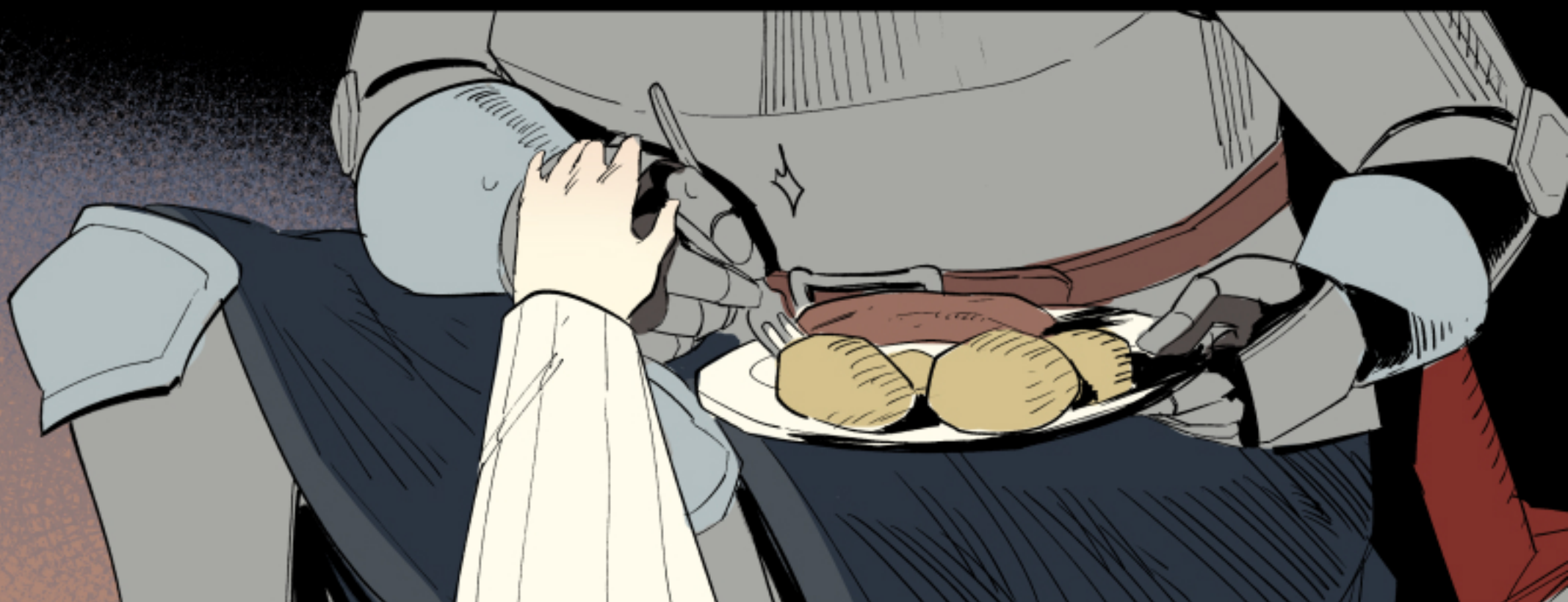
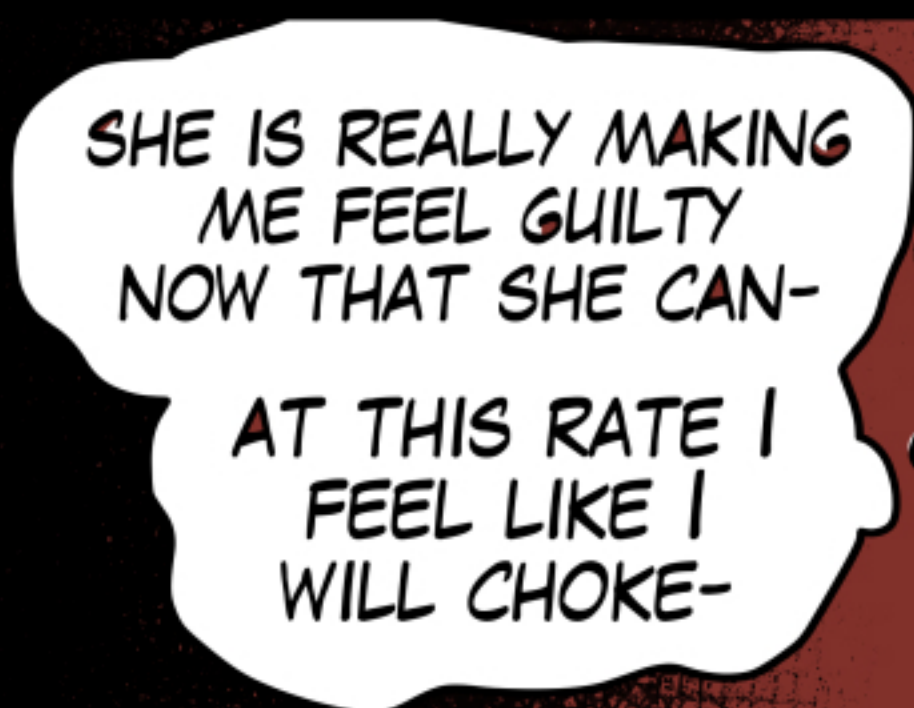
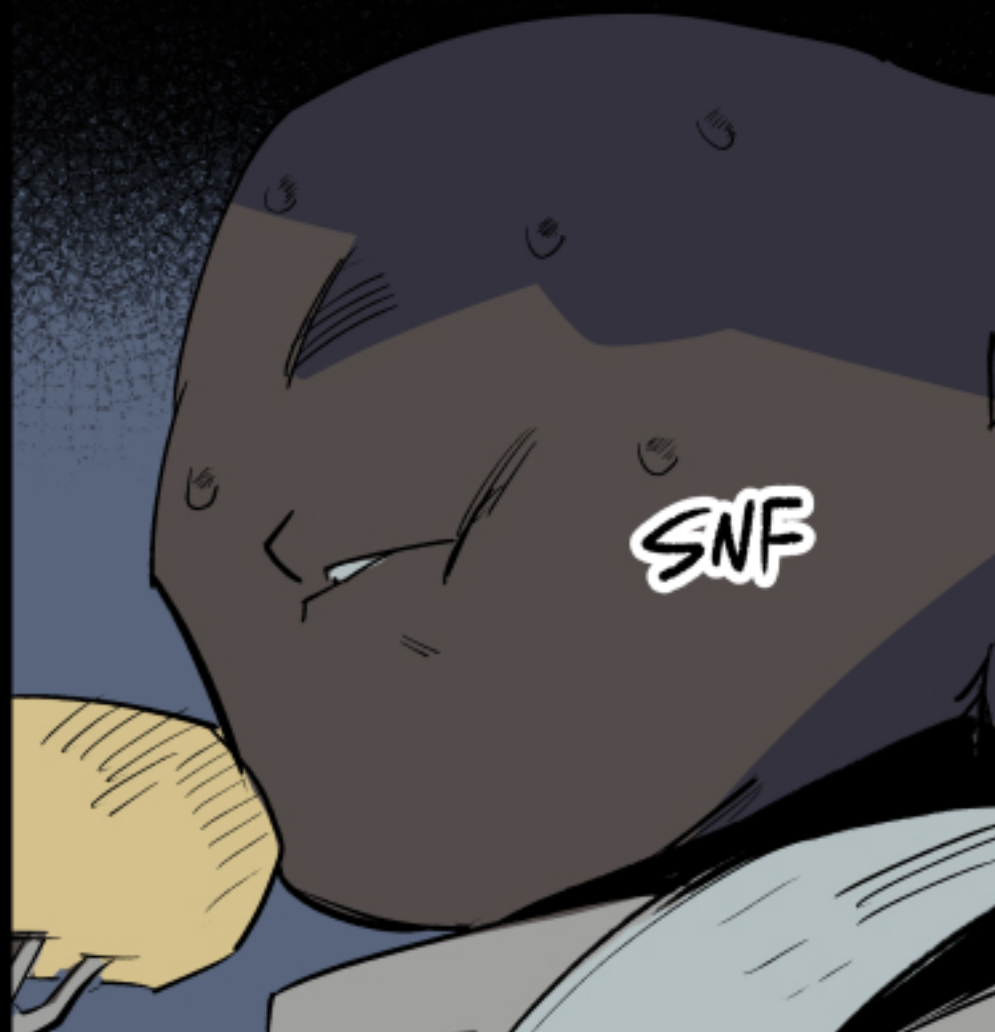


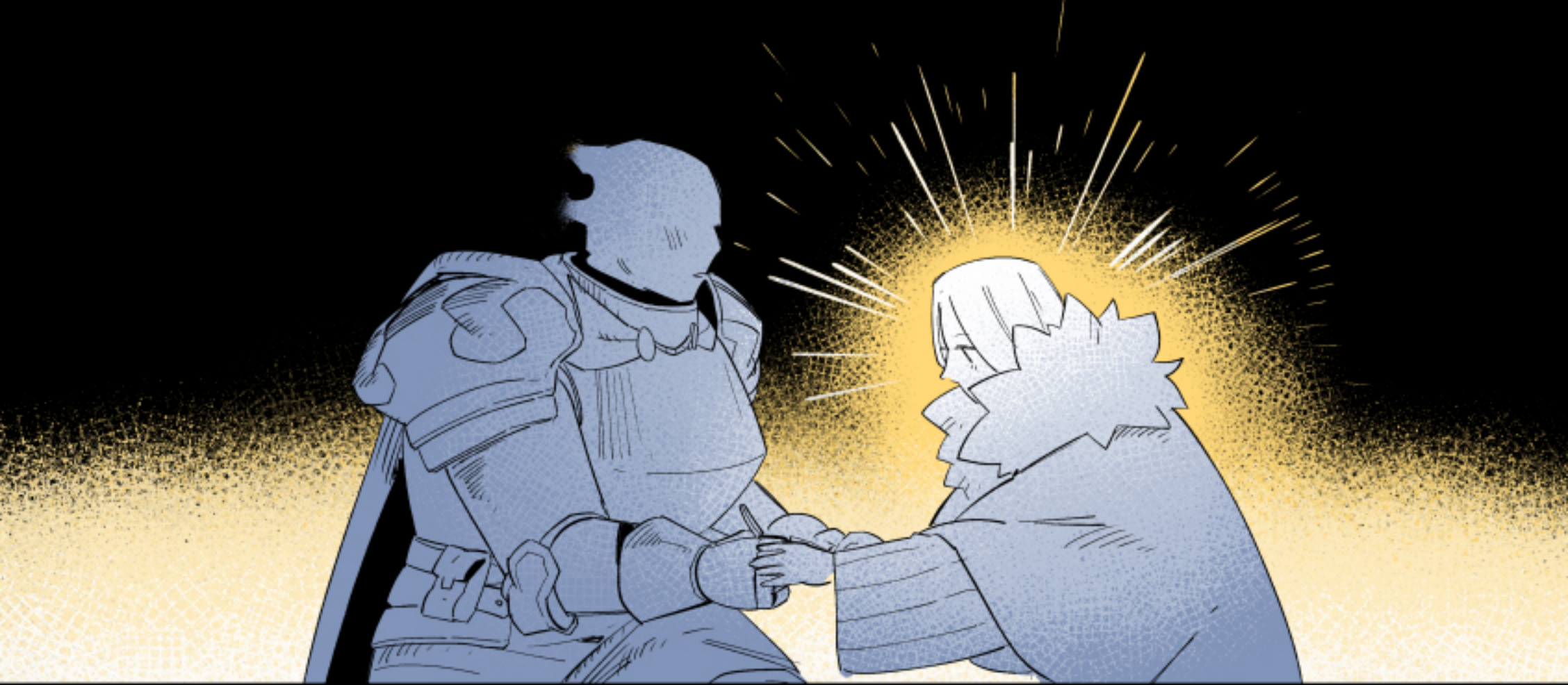
WAH--!!

HEH.

IT'S
YOU!!



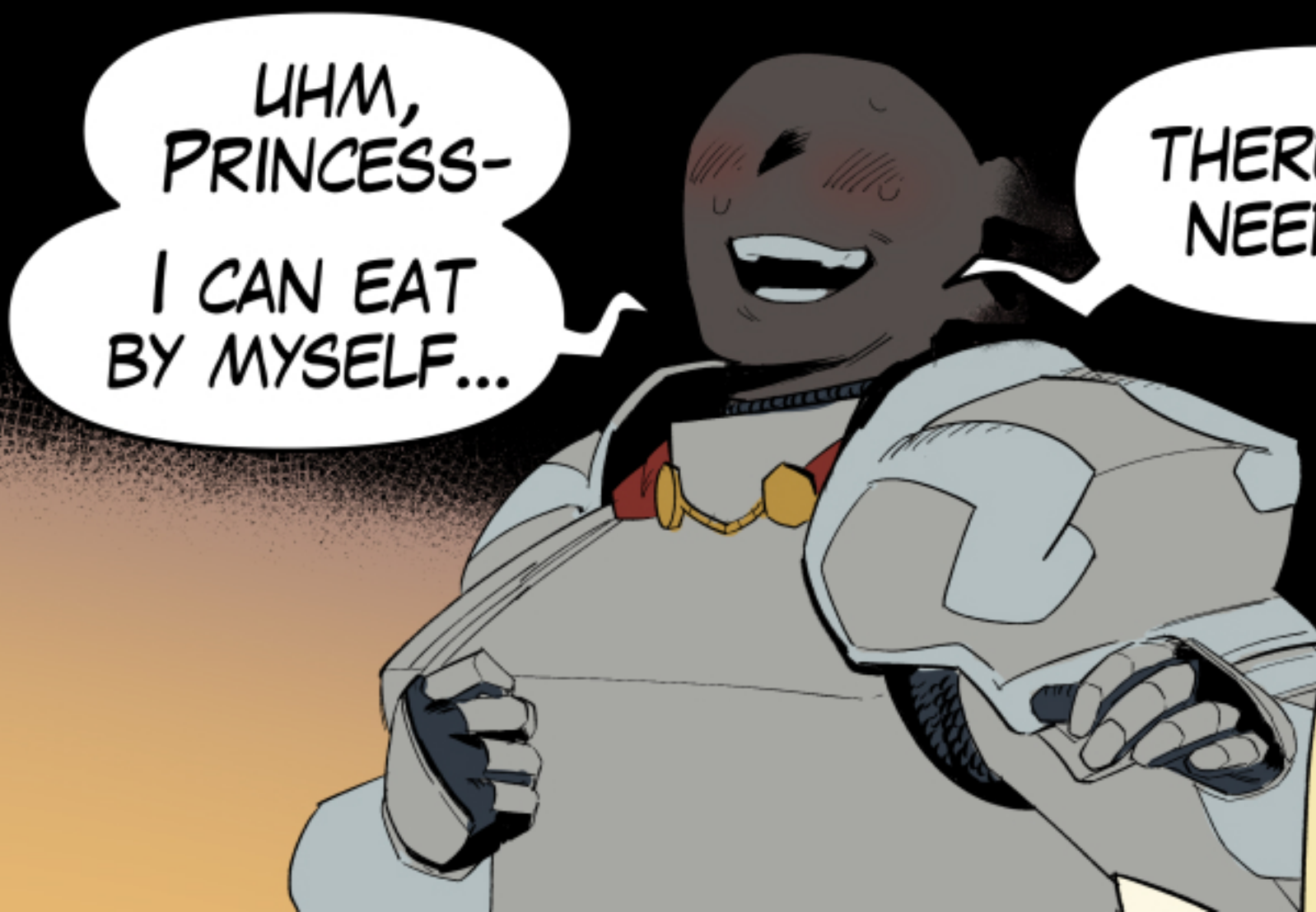




I WANT
TO DO IT



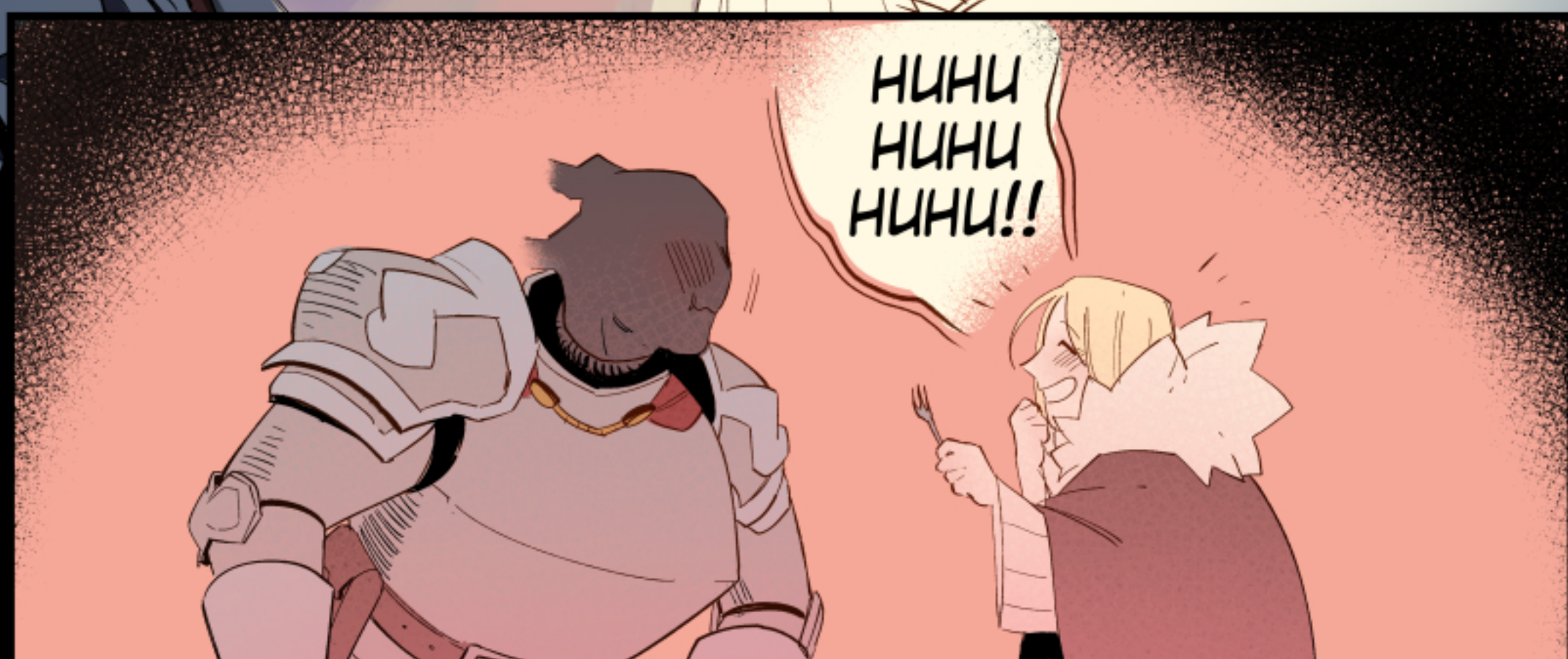
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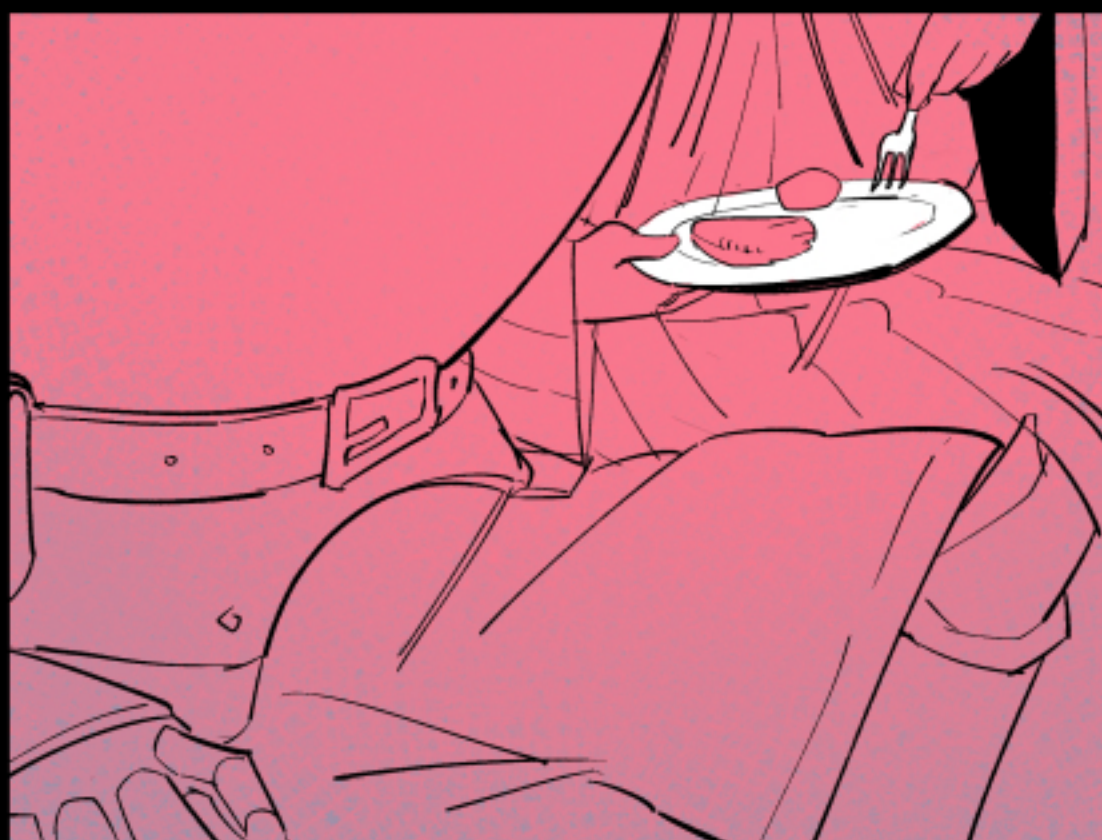
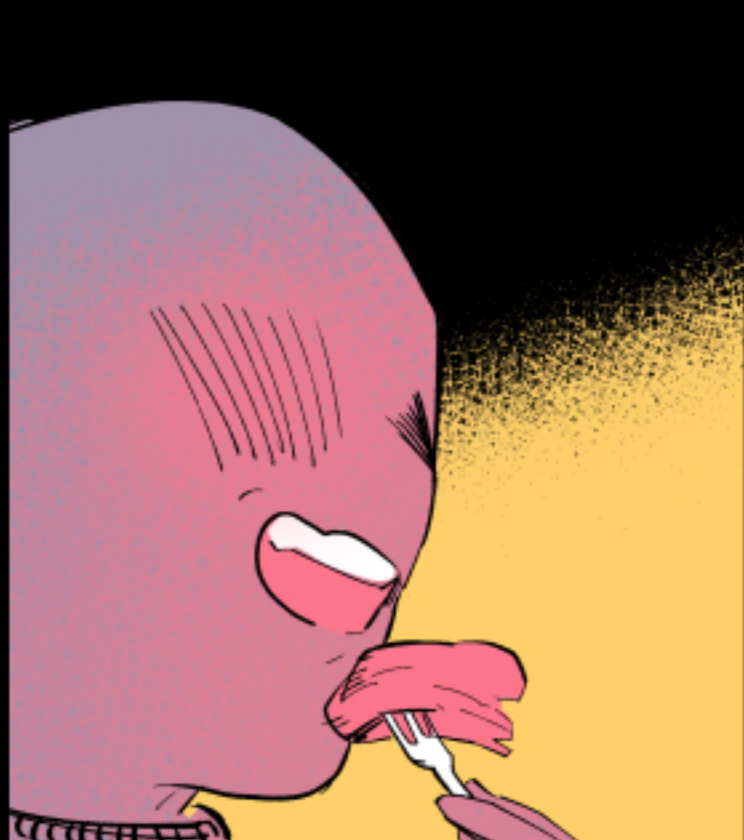
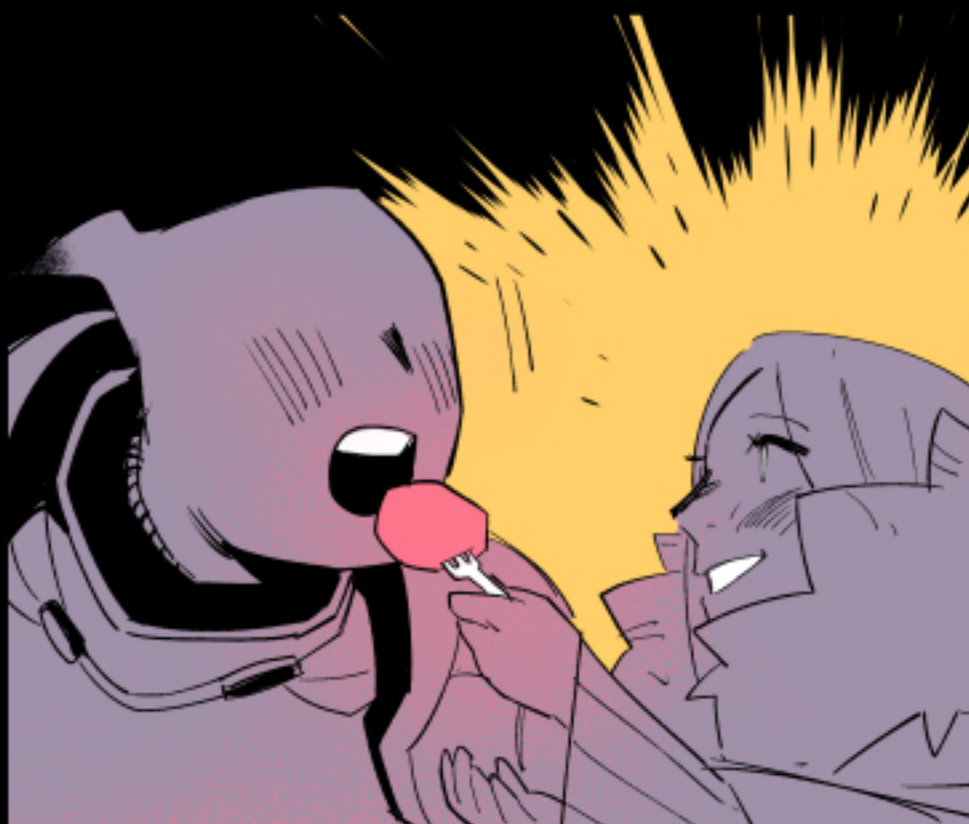


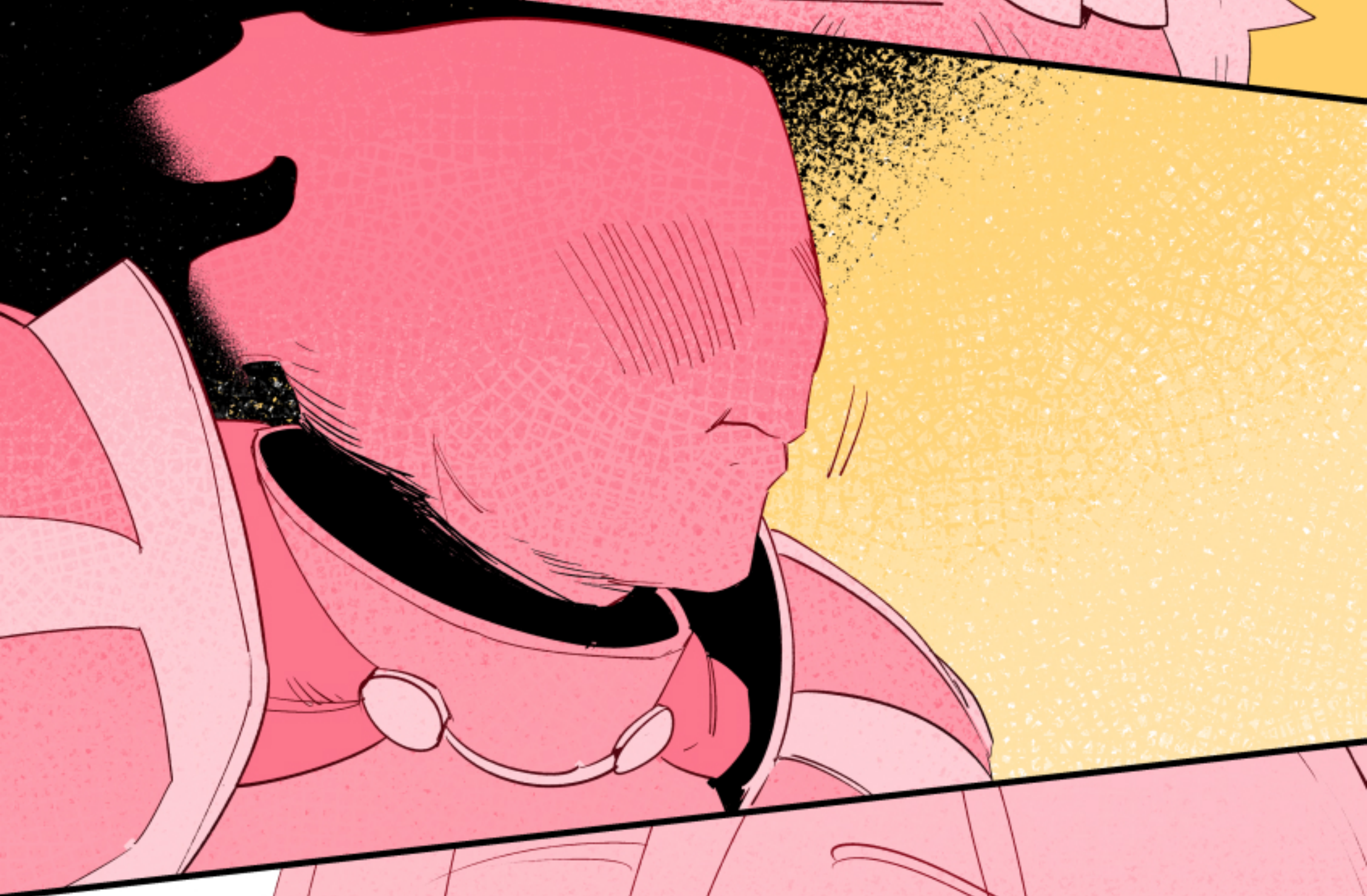
UHM,
PRINCESS-
I CAN EAT
BY MYSELF...

THERE'S NO
NEED TO-

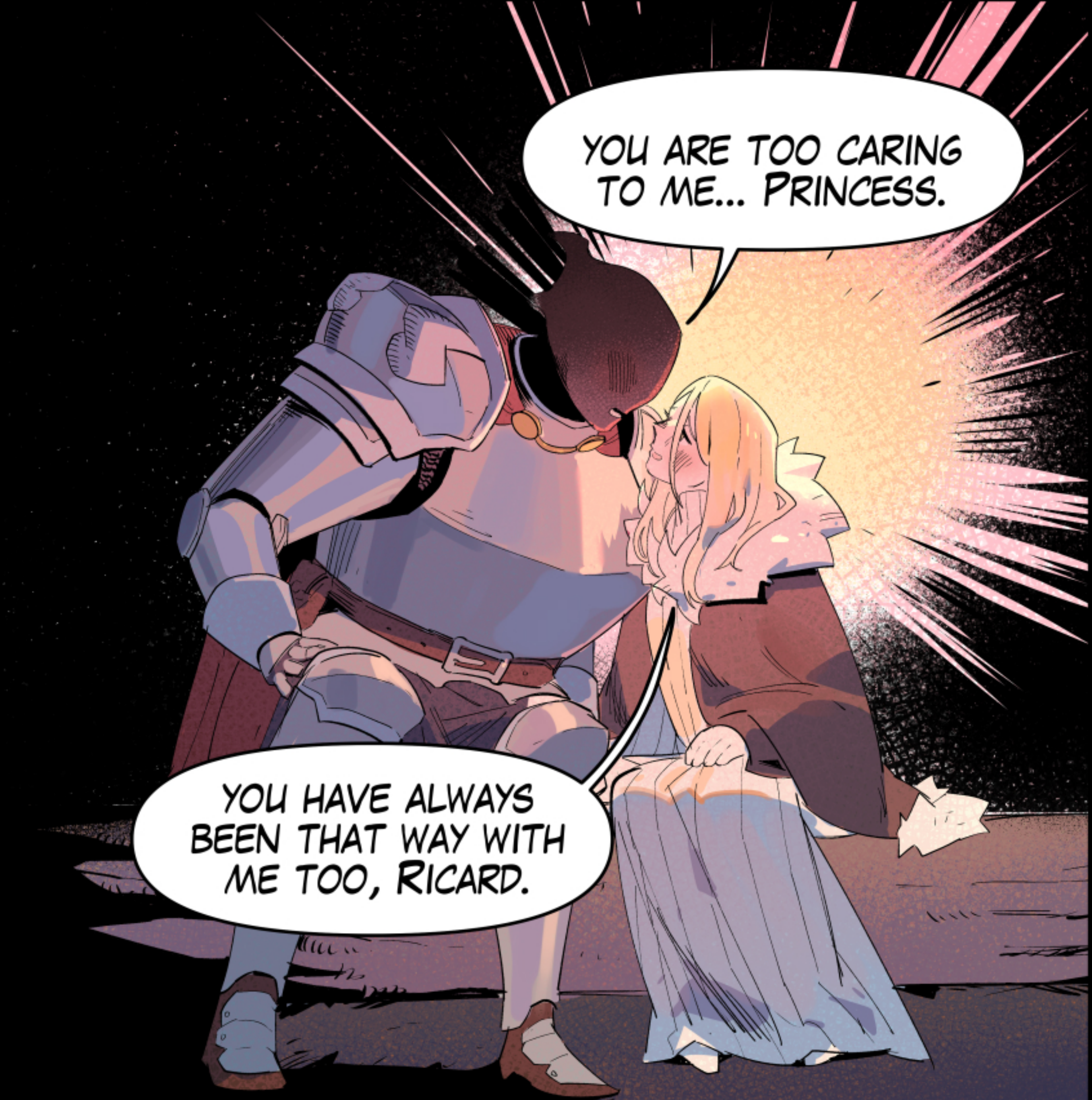






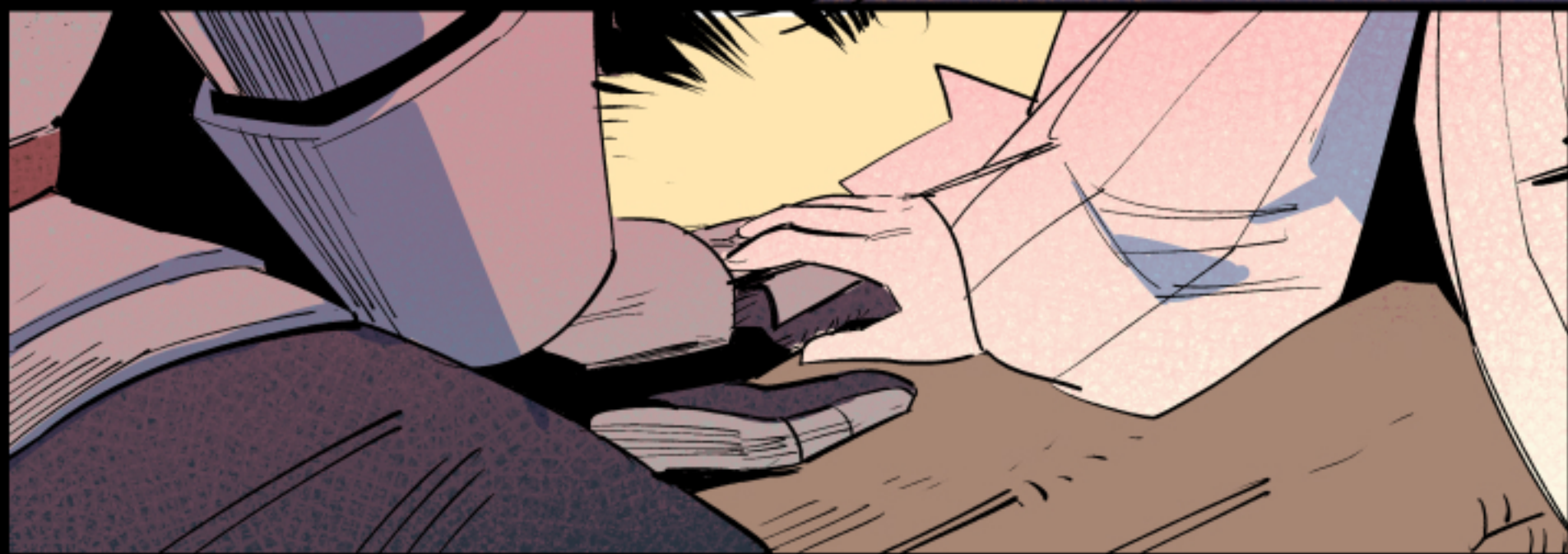


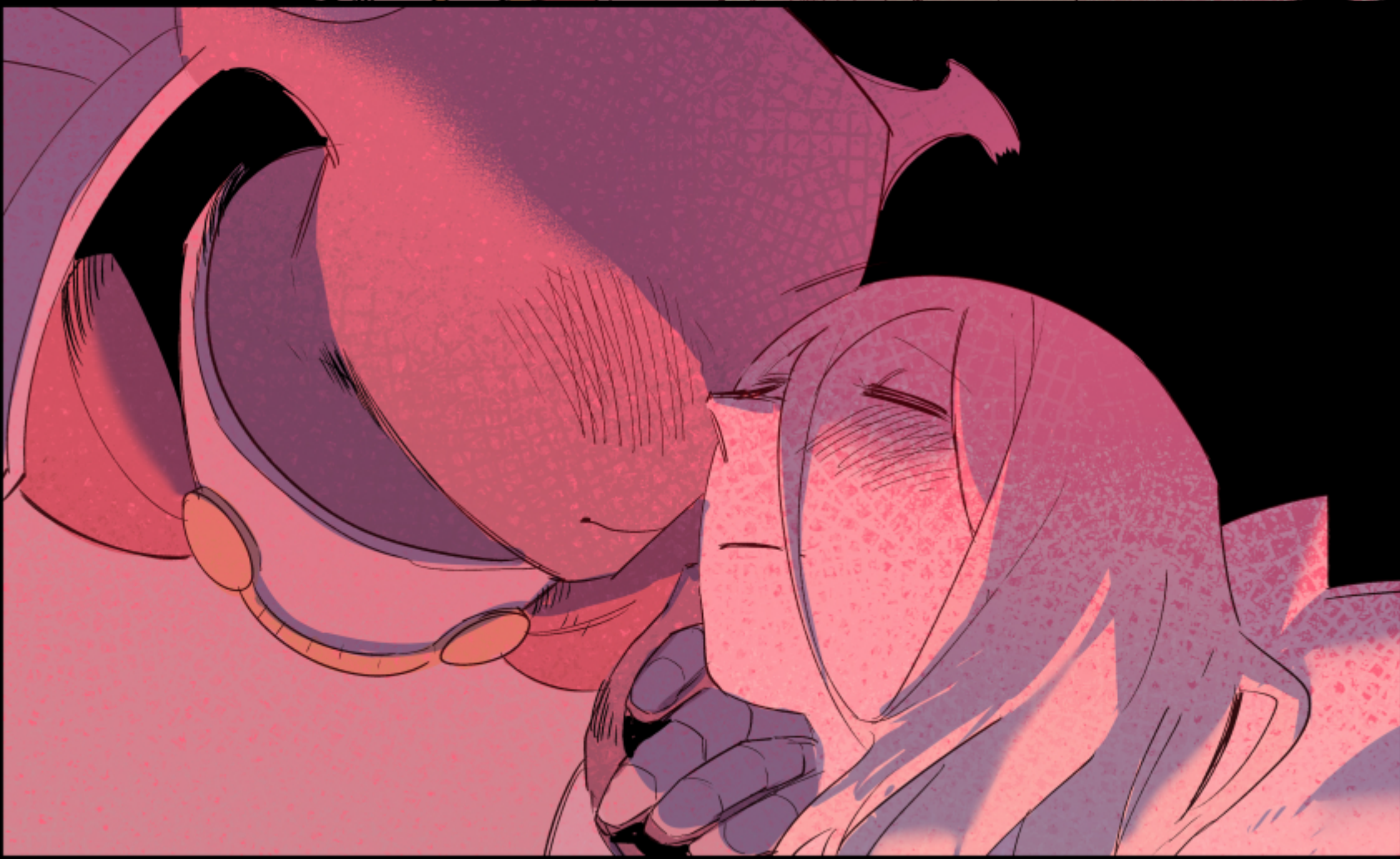




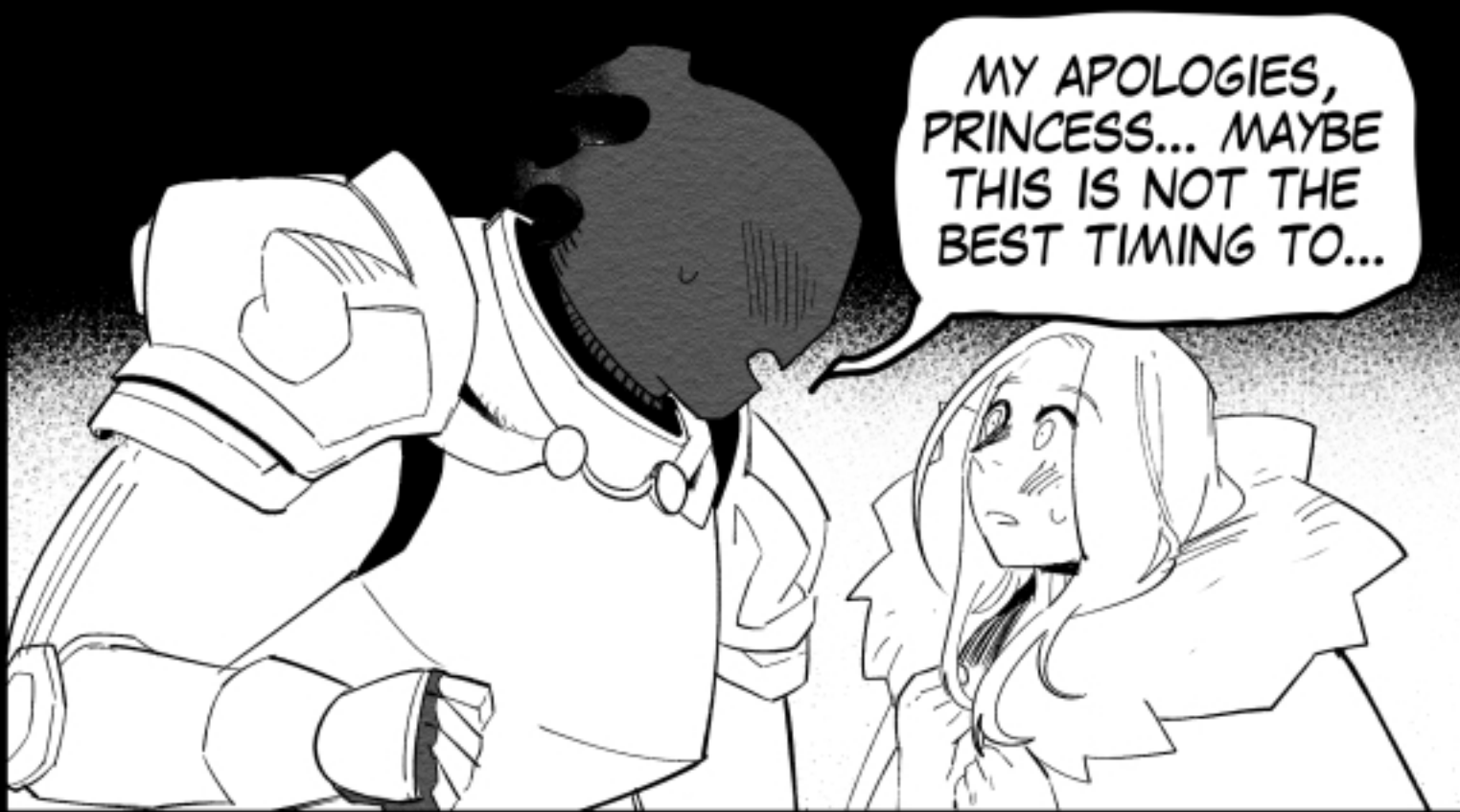
YOU ARE TOO CARING
TO ME... PRINCESS.

YOU HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN THAT WAY WITH
ME TOO, RICARD.









MY APOLOGIES,
PRINCESS... MAYBE
THIS IS NOT THE
BEST TIMING TO...

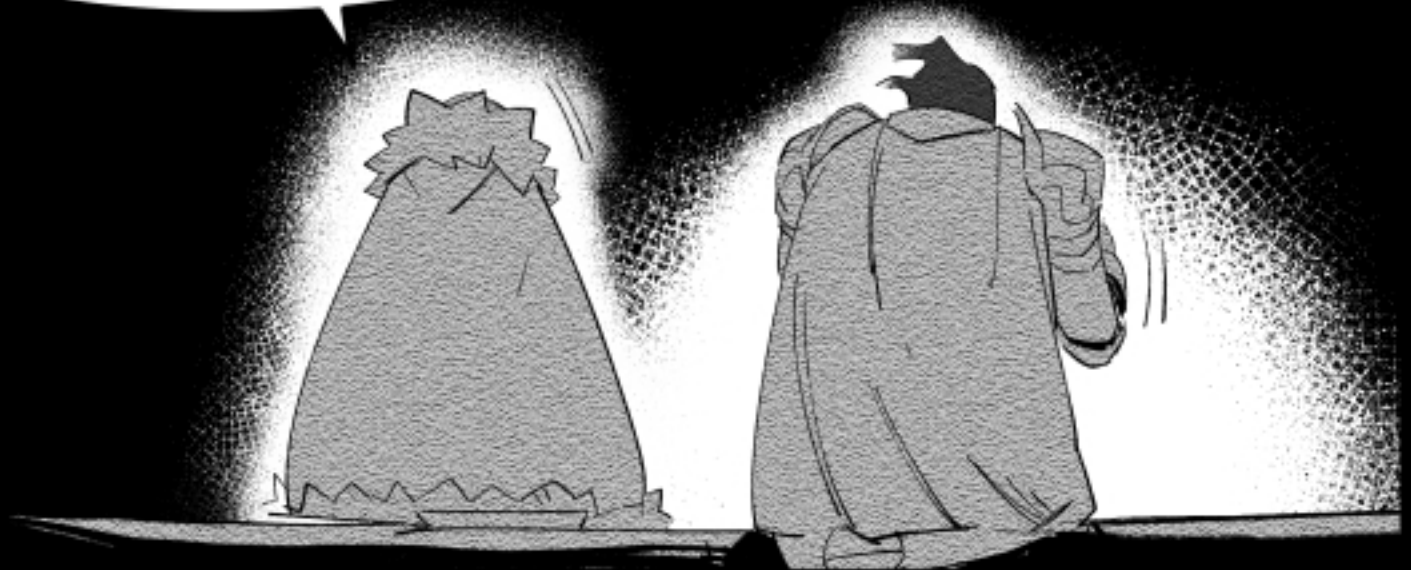


Y-YOU SHOULD
GO TO SLEEP.



Y-YES...

YOU'RE RIGHT.
I'LL-



PRINCESS-



A black and white manga-style illustration. In the background, a knight in full plate armor is kneeling on a grassy field, holding a sword upright. In the foreground, a large, dark, spiky-haired figure is shown from the chest up, looking down at the knight. A speech bubble from the knight says "YES, RICARD?".

YES, RICARD?

A close-up of a man's face. He is wearing a dark, featureless mask that covers his entire face except for a small slit for a mouth. He has a serious expression. A speech bubble next to him says "ARE YOU ANGRY AT ME?".

ARE YOU
ANGRY
AT ME?

A close-up of a woman with long, light-colored hair. She has a surprised or questioning expression on her face, with wide eyes and a slightly open mouth. A speech bubble next to her says "W-WHAT? NO... WHAT DO YOU MEAN?".

W-WHAT?
NO...
WHAT DO
YOU MEAN?



IT'S JUST... YOU HAVE BEEN ACTING STRANGE. AND KNOWING YOU, AS YOUR PERSONAL GUARD, ALL THESE YEARS, I GOT WORRIED AND-

KOFF

KOFF

I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW I HAVE NEVER INTENDED ON HURTING YOUR FEELINGS, PRINCESS. I ALWAYS WANT WHAT'S BEST FOR YOU-

I ALWAYS STRIVE TO BE AS PROFESSIONAL AS POSSIBLE.





WHAT?! N-NO! PLEASE!

I WOULD
NEVER THINK
SOMETHING
LIKE THAT FROM
YOU, PRINCESS!

I COULD
NEVER
HATE YOU!!

THAT WASN'T
THE CASE!!

I AM SO
VERY SORRY!!
FOR THIS
MISUNDER-
STANDING!!

AHEM.

MY
APOLOGIES

AM I
INTERRUPTING?



PRINCESS.
QUEEN'S ORDERS:

YOU MUST GET BACK
TO THAT CABIN. IT'S
NIGHTTIME.

R-RIGHT!

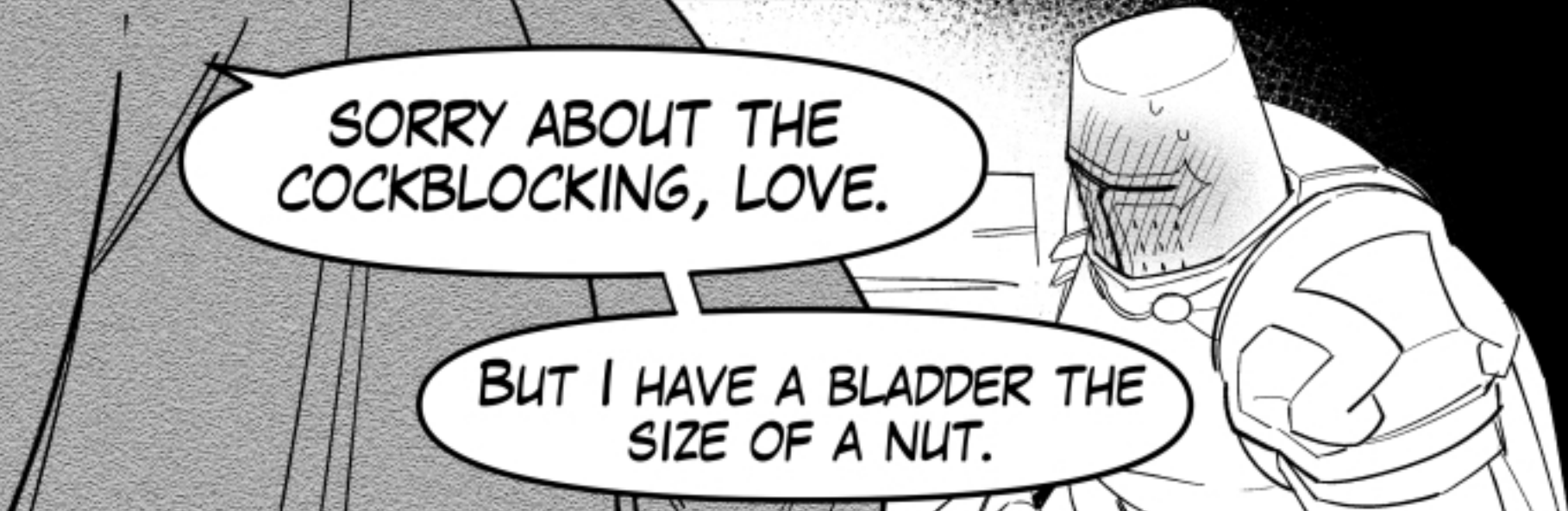
I WAS JUST-- I COULDN'T
SLEEP! SO I CAME HERE
TO TALK TO RICARD--

BUT I'M GOING BACK
NOW, BYE!!



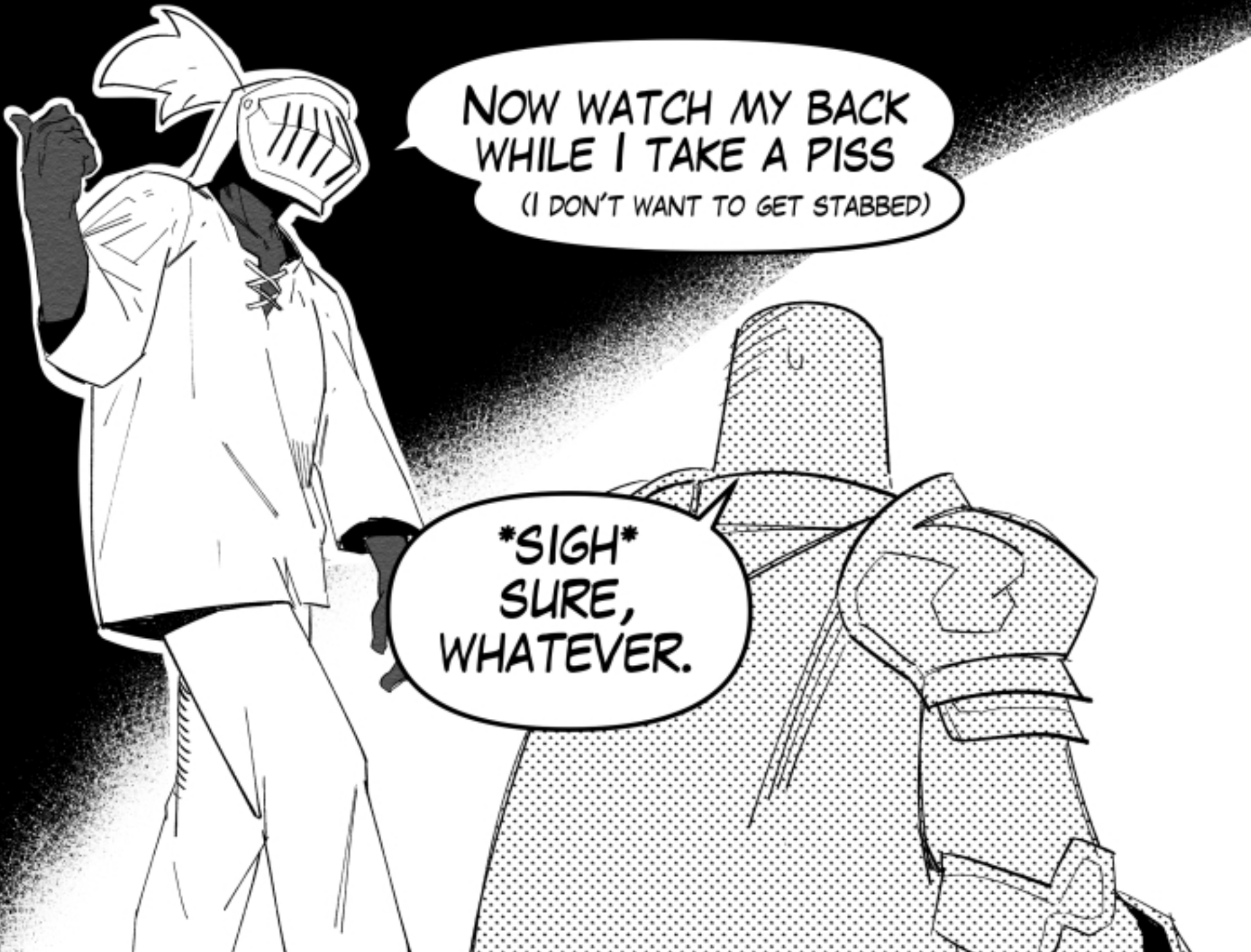
HM. THIS MEANS WE HAVE TO
INCLUDE HER IN OUR ESCAPE NOW?

UHM-... ERLANTZ.



SORRY ABOUT THE
COCKBLOCKING, LOVE.

BUT I HAVE A BLADDER THE
SIZE OF A NUT.



NOW WATCH MY BACK
WHILE I TAKE A PISS

(I DON'T WANT TO GET STABBED)

SIGH
SURE,
WHATEVER.





